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## President's List Announced

The President's List for last semester has been released to the STICK for its first publication. This includes only those student who have received no mark of less than B in any subject:

### Seniors

Gloria Boscardin	Esther Adams
Marjorie Gilmore	Mary Addante
Dorothy Hughes	Irene Boucher
Gladys Lavin	Marie Boulay
Gertrude Mulcahy	Anna Coyle
Wayne Randall	Helen Haley
Laura Whitney	Doris Porter

### Juniors

Doris Caouette	Irene Moskos
Winslow Fletcher	Barbara Murphy
Frances Fraser	Bernice Norskey
Anne Gilmartin	Paulina Pucko
C. Alice Grealis	Patricia Supple
Margaret McCarthy	

### Sophomores

Charlotte Drury

### Freshmen

Evelyn Bourgault	Sidney Berlyn
Margaret Mallahy	Margaret Bird
Agnes McDermott	Ann Harrington
Mary Piermarini	Charles Herlihy
Harriet Sternberg	Helen Peck
Barbara Thompson	Rena Toni

## Gladys Lavin Presides At Press Conference

Miss Gladys Lavin, Chairman of the Associated Teacher's Press attended the meeting of the Columbia Scholastic Press held at Columbia University recently. Teachers College delegates from all parts of the country were present adding up to 2,300 members. Delegates stayed at hotels where they discussed staff problems and attended conferences daily at the university. As a climax for the weekend, a banquet was held at the Hotel Astor. Seated at the head table were officers of the "Press", including Miss Lavin, and a war correspondent from "Times" magazine.

On Monday, Miss Lavin visited the Horace Mann, and Lincoln Schools, where she observed physical education classes. An interesting notation is the fact that

## Council Elects New Officers



NEW COUNCIL HEAD

### NEW SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

The newly elected sophomore officers are Pres. Joan Killelea, Vice-Pres. Eleanor Burrill, Sec. Natalie Harrington, Treas. Charlotte Drury.

### F. T. C. DELEGATE ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Miss McGlinchey, A. S. A. delegate from F. T. C., attended the spring meeting of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools For Teachers on March 28th and 29th at the Commodore Hotel in New York City.

Miss Lavin met Mayor LaGuardia of New York City, whose daughter was a member of one of these classes.

Miss Lavin has been a member of the "Press" for two years, having one year to go, as her term expires in 1945.

## Rita Mallahy To Serve As President Next Year

Officers for the Student Council for the year 1944-1945, were elected by the students on Monday, March 13 — High School Senior Day.

Rita Mallahy was chosen as President for the coming year. Also elected to serve with her, were Barbara Lavin as Vice-President; Joan Killelea as Secretary; and Charlotte Drury as Treasurer. These girls will take office sometime in April and will succeed President Gladys Lavin; Vice-President Norma Fuller; Secretary Anne Gilmartin; and Treasurer Harriet Miller. To be eligible for an office in the Council, a student must be in the upper quarter of his class and must have served on the Council at least one year.

All of the new officers are commuters. Rita comes from our own city—Fitchburg; while Barbara and Joan uphold the honor of Leominster; and Princeton sends us Charlotte Drury.

## Faculty Member Elected To Honor Society

Miss Katherine M. McCarty has recently been elected a member of Alpha Gamma, a part of Pi Lambda Theta, national honorary education society that maintains chapters in 30 universities.

This great honor has also previously been bestowed upon Miss Florence Conlon, teacher of art in this college.

All of the students and members of the faculty extend congratulations to our English teacher—Miss McCarty.



# The Stick



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## Editorial . . .

How many times have you heard the admonition to write letters often to the boys in service? Everywhere you look there is a poster or sign bearing the same message. You hear it on the radio; you see it in the newsreels; but still you often find yourself too busy to sandwich into your full day a line or two to a friend in the service.

We can't possibly know what a letter from home can mean to them. It is a contact with the things for which they care so much, the things for which they are fighting. It is an assurance that those things are waiting for them to return to when the long awaited day of peace arrives.

Perhaps we are "harping on the same string", but we know that repetition is the chief element of learning and this letter-writing business is important enough to warrant any amount of repetition.

Can we refuse to do anything in our power to help our servicemen? Surely a letter now and then is a very easy way to prove that we are behind them at all times. So little means so much to them. Let's "take our pen in hand" much more often.

# The Ash Tray

Gladys Lavin

The 1944 Columbia Scholastic Press Convention was an outstanding success with over 2300 delegates present. It was quite an uplift in these dark days to see a group of students carrying on so gallantly with their publication work. At the convention these delegates met their co-workers from all the states in our nation; they were able to iron out staff problems through round table discussions, and they had an opportunity to hear some of the foremost leaders of the publication world.

Captain William Hakkell, assistant to president of the New York Herald Tribune, urged the delegates to carry on in their work, for through this work they become the leaders of tomorrow. Edgar Gilbert, Overseas Club Director, American Red Cross, vividly described the work of the Red Cross in the European theatre and stressed the need for home news at the battlefield. Mr. Gilbert mentioned a junior press convention that the American boys were holding in North Africa to determine the best high school paper, and stated that all delegates should strive to get their papers in this contest. King Rogers, of the New York Herald Tribune and whose annual newspaper clinic has always been a 'must' on every delegate's program, was once again present to offer suggestions in make up of papers. The delegates also heard Frank Clough, of the office of censorship, Washington, D. C.; Meirick Dutton, WPB; Joseph Gaer, Treasury Dept.; the editors, Artur Robb, and William Auirett; the publisher, Hon. Victor Ridder; and at the banquet, William Chickering, war correspondent of Time Magazine.

Exhibits of yearbooks, magazines, and newspapers prepared by the CSPA, Christian Science Monitor, and the New York Herald Tribune were of value to the attending delegates.

All this and a birthday party, too. The CSPA celebrated its twentieth birthday with a party at the Hotel Astor for all the delegates. The climax of the party was the birthday cake parade, when amid the colored spotlights and pompous music a huge cake was carried in, followed by 300 attendants each carrying a cake for an individual table.

At this point, Mr. Joseph Gaer turned to me in awe asking, "Did you ever attend such a convention when you were in school?" I shook my head and said, "No", and was hoping that everyone was fully appreciating the fruits of this country that make possible a gathering such as the CSPA convention. And so ended the 1944 CSPA convention and so began the 21st year of the CSPA with predictions for an equally successful year.



# SAXIFRAGE UNDER THE FLAG

## Eartoheground and Noseinthemail says:

Mildred Thomas and Lt. Frank Preston are now Mr. and Mrs.... Jack Magane is now wearing an Ensign's uniform and will be stationed at Harvard for five months... Bob Beauregard is now in the R.O.T.C. at Brown University, while at the Cross he was high man scholastically in his class... Bill Casassa is at North Camp Hood, Texas... Our own Bill Cove is stationed at the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn... Smiling Jack Sullivan from Worcester is in North Africa working with the Army Air Force... 44's General, Bill Parker is now in Italy, they call him Corporal there. (They don't appreciate him as we do)... Joe Riley should be Navigator in the Army Air Corps by Easter... Dick Kiley's folks have been presented with a pair of golden wings in honor of their son... Ensign Gardner Sherman's lovely blonde from the B.U. School of Music is now Mrs. Sherman.

## COLLINS' ODYSSEY

Bernard Collins' boat-building activities in Palmer Hall you no doubt remember. Although he is not building boats today he is riding on them with the U. S. Navy. Bernard writes to tell us he has not been doing much.—Oh, yeah! "We figured in the initial landing at Casablanca. Later, we covered the closing of Guadalcanal. In August we returned to the "States", and I whisked across the country, made a quick jump to the minister, had a few days leave and then tore myself away from everything for a cross-country hop, leaving my wife at the station." Congratulations!!! Bernard would like to tell us more but he's afraid the censor would frown and drag out the scissors. He does tell us that he has crossed the equator three times and the date line four times. He's been on both ends of the paddles and has become a "Shell Back." It all reminds him of his Freshman year at college, "only a college initiation will never equal one you take on shipboard."



## LT. CONLON NOW SERVING OVERSEAS

It has been quite some time now since he went into the service, but we still remember him and the enjoyable sessions we had in his English and History classes. There are so many things we remember about him—the way his eyes twinkled when he smiled, his easy good humor, his informal, but well-trained phrases, the way he brushed imaginary crumbs from his desk. But above all we remember the way he recited poetry, his soft voice carressing each word, until the most blase among us were stirred to the depths to love and appreciate it as he did.

Our Mr. Conlon is now lieutenant (j.g.) Michael J. Conlon of the United States Naval Reserve, on duty with the Pacific Armed Guard. He is aboard a troop transport where he does liaison work and communication detail.

We look forward to the day when "Mike" (as he was affectionately called in all our bull-sessions) will return to F.T.C. to bring a most enjoyable learning experience to all who take his courses. We who have had the pleasure of knowing a fine teacher might in some way express our gratitude and appreciation by writing to—

Lieutenant Michael J. Conlon  
Armed Guard (Pacific)  
S. S. John B. Eloyd  
c/o F. P. O.  
San Francisco, California.

## Peekin' In The Mail Bag

The STICK Editors and Staff wish to say "Thank You" to the many thoughtful servicemen who have written to us recently with kind words of praise and gratitude for the copies of the STICK which they have received. We are printing below excerpts from those letters which we think might be of interest to our readers. Invariably these boys say, "Keep the Stick coming"; and to them we truthfully say, "We'll do our best, boys."

Camp Wheeler, Georgia  
Bivouac Area K  
March 24, 1944

Dear Kids of the Stick,

"Tonight I received a copy of the "STICK" at mail call out here in the Georgia woods. You'll never know the pleasure and satisfaction that receiving the good old STICK brings. Sometimes we F.T.C.'ers used to grumble and gripe about our school but it sure is a great place and the friends made there and good times had will never be forgotten.

This is mean looking "stationery" but I was so pleased with that copy of the STICK tonight that I wrote on the best and only thing available and sent it out in an envelope from my field manual. You're doing a great job sending out those STICKS and keeping the good old school going. Thanks a million. See you all sometime."

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Randall.

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U. S. Naval Air Station  
Pensacola, Florida  
March 25, 1944

Dear Editors—

"...The Stick has always been something to look forward to and it is nice to see that some are carrying on so well as those representatives did in the past. Today as I sat here in the ready room at Squadron, I thought back to the Friday noons when we all crowded into the lobby waiting for John Gemma to finish distributing the Stick in our mail boxes. Soon afterward, we would all gather for a reading session and laugh at the various insinua-

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## Peekin' In The Mail Bag

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tions about some of the gang. You know, a little chill went up my spine as I read it and I can well imagine that the same thing happened to others in "our gang." Up to the present I've read it three times.

With best regards to all my friends at Fitchburg, I remain

As Ever

Dick Kelliher.

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Lt. (j.g.) W. O. Pierce U.S.N.R.  
VP-34 c/o F. P. O.  
San Francisco, California

"...I want to thank you and the "Stick" staff for keeping me on your mailing list. I enjoy reading the "goings on" back at F.T.C. Just a few days ago I ran into Lt. (j.g.) C. B. MacLean, Jr. whom I hadn't seen in two years. He's one of the class of '41 boys, too! While I was unpacking my gear, he noticed a copy of the "Stick" and immediately grabbed for it, at the same time asking me where I had received it from. I guess I've been one of the lucky ones to have been on your servicemen's mailing list since the war started. I am giving you my corrected address and also MacLean's. I'm sure he would appreciate his name being included on your mailing list. Best of luck to you and the staff in the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Walter O. Pierce.

Lt. (j.g.) C. Blair MacLean Jr.  
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Staff Sgt. R. Eagan  
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...In this day and age when we are so far away from the things and persons we love, it brings great pleasure to me to receive a copy of the "Stick." The news of my old Alma Mater, the place where I spent four of my best years, brings back many happy memories. The pleasure it brings on these lonely evenings is priceless.  
I will soon be leaving for the



## Campus Chatter

What's this we hear about Barb Lavin's renting yo-yos to Donny's girls?

Make up your own mind, Pris, Navy, Air Corps or just plain Navy! (P.S. They're both swell!)

Doris Porter says "Someday he'll come along!" (in reference to our men for the dance.)

'Tis rumored that another of our too few males is hearing the call of Uncle Sam. Please stay around, Wesley—at least till after class day.

Plans for the Junior and Senior assemblies are getting under way. They're going to be lots of fun.

Is tea a suitable substitute for a spaghetti supper? Ask the Juniors their opinions on the subject.

Flash from the training schools: the turn-over occurs April 10. Does this mean a few more minutes of sleep for some of our early risers among the commuters?

The corporation of Healy, Miller, and Gilmore is flourishing to the extent of a trip to Boston on capital derived from their sole investor, Martha.

Congratulations to the newest daddy among our recent graduates, Ken Sweeney.

Eighth Air Force which is in foreign lands and if at all possible it would be greatly appreciated if the "Stick" could be sent to me there. I will forward my new address at the proper time for its release; till then I will still receive the "Stick" through this address.

I am sure all the F.T.C. boys in service enjoy receiving the "Stick", and may I wish you and your staff the best of luck in sending the "Stick" to war.

"Keep 'em fighting and flying with the 'Stick.'!"

Yours truly,

Richard Eagan, '43

## Be Sharp About Music

If you have never had the rare privilege of "going rush" to a Boston Symphony concert at Symphony Hall you have missed one of the greatest thrills of a lifetime—take it from the Seniors who stood (or sat) in line for four hours to see Lily Pons and Andre Kostalanetz.

The concert begins at 2:30, but you must be there early if you want to get in. By early we mean 10:30. But, no matter what time you get there, there will be someone there before you, anyway.

The necessary equipment for this enterprise (or endurance contest) includes a substantial lunch (remember how long you must wait), a pillow, folding chair or newspaper on which to sit, knitting, a crossword puzzle, some writing paper, or a good novel with which to while away the time when you are not eavesdropping on the many interesting conversations going on around you.

You'll take your place in line, and by the time a half hour has elapsed you will have made some life-long friends. The lady in front of you will give you a review of the book she is reading a couple of seconds after you alight beside her. (I don't have to read "Chicken Every Sunday" now.) The man in back of you will give his views on the merits of the masters and their works, plus a few "hot tips" on the races and his anticipated attendance at the Kentucky Derby (for further information see Laura Whitney.) The woman on the step above you will supply any word in the crossword puzzle which has you stymied, (especially if it's a biblical character). And besides this you'll meet "Eddie", the man who "really knows the score." He keeps the lines straight and bolsters morale with assurances that everyone will get in when the door opens. Then there is "the man with the battered hat and the bag of money." He goes about making change so that when the box-office finally opens, there will be little delay.

The sun is so warm, your lunch is so good, the people are so interesting and friendly that when the door opens you hate to break up

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the beautiful friendship. But your misgivings are replaced by an exultant thrill of accomplishment when you at last find yourself in Symphony Hall. You look about you, and sure enough, your old cronies are in too.

Then the music begins and you forget everything else. If you have never had the rare privilege of "going rush to a concert at Symphony Hall you have missed one of the greatest thrills of a lifetime!

## Secondary School Survey

The secondary education class, under the direction of Miss Gearan conducted a survey on High School Day, March 13, 1944. Sixty-two visitors filled out questionnaires pertaining to racial prejudice, and other current problems.

Those students interviewed represented opinions of a cross-section of High Schools in Mass. The survey indicated that 87% of the students had not been influenced by factors in the secondary schools concerning their feelings toward people of different nationalities and races.

## SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Mr. Clark announced recently that an amazing discovery has been made in the Chemistry laboratory. A new acid never before known to be in existence has been rarefied and now exists in this purest form.

The remarkable thing about this chemical research development is the manner in which the discovery was revealed. For, it was on a test paper that Mr. Clark first learned of the existence of this remarkable phenomenon. What is it to be called? None other than "Sulfurious acid."

Yes, you guessed it. It is no new discovery but just the naive answer of a sleepy Senior Elementary who worked her imagination a bit overtime on her test paper. When asked to whom the credit should be given, Mr. Clark replied that he felt that the honor should be accorded to the entire division of Sen. E.'s since the discovery sprang from one of their numbers.

## Seniors To Attend Opera

Spring has come! Again the members of Miss Curry's Senior music class will attend the Annual Spring Opera Season in Boston on the twelfth of April. The opera will be the well-known "La Boheme" sponsored by the Metropolitan Opera Co. The Matinee will be given at the Boston Opera House this season instead of the usual Metropolitan theater, because of the fire regulations.



## Muscle Muster

### Volleyball

March 22nd found Mary Kelly plenty busy checking off all the volleyball recruits. There was such a large group of enthusiasts that it was necessary to have two separate games. The following girls turned out and I think that the "something new" that has been added, is the appearance of orange gym suits... Nice going seniors!

I. Boucher, M. Goldman, M. Berlo, G. Marshall, H. Peck, C. O'Connell, S. O'Connor, A. Willard, J. Murray, M. O'Connor, E. Lynch, F. Beugault, M. Piermarini, M. Bird, M. Addante, C. Drury, C. Letentre, F. Bartlett, E. Yennarko, M. Doherty, L. Curry, K. Bailey, B. Lavin, J. Thompson, A. Harrington, L. Zyzniewski, G. Merrick, M. Baruzzi, J. Fitzgerald, J. Killelea, M. Mallahy, M. Doyle, B. Thompson, R. Brennan, J. Eastman, M. Bouley, Doris Porter.

At present the girls are preparing for the Class games, which will be followed by the Color games. There is a lot of competition brewing and there should be plenty of excitement down in the gym in the coming weeks.

### W. A. A. Awards

Each year the W. A. A. gives athletic awards to the students who are outstanding in sports. The awards are based on the point system, and points are achieved in Team work, Class work or in Leadership in the athletic program.

The first award which is available to freshmen is the F. T. C. Monogram. This is difficult to attain but possible and a great honor to freshmen. The second award is a tiny gold pin made up of the three letters, WAA, standing for Women's Athletic Association...but of course! The attainment of this award is also a great honor and much coveted by its owners. The third and final award is just out of this world. It is a sports blazer, done in the traditional TC colors, green and white. Needless to say, this is the highest award and is received only by a few worthy and envied seniors.

Right now the W. A. A. board is busy counting up points and keeping close tabs on you and you and you. Who knows? Maybe you'll be one of the lucky girls to receive an award!

## SOPH TESTING DAY

On March, 1944, 36 dazed sophs emerged from Miss McGlinchey's room after the nation-wide college testing program. Here's one case where there's absolutely no need to worry over the results, for Fitchburg sophs have invariably surpassed the median of Sophomores in other Colleges. Unfortunately, sophs in mad suspense will not know the results of the test until the middle of June. The test covers such general information as vocabulary and word comprehension, general culture, science and mathematics, and U. S. history. This year, a sigh of relief escaped the soph's lips for the American history section was omitted.

Results of last year's exams have recently been released. The sophs have saved the day, running as high as seven points above the median for English, slightly above for mathematics and general culture, and about average for the American history. This year's class has probably done as well if not better. But, we'll have no idea until June!

## DRAMATIC CLUB ATTENDS PLAY

Rushing to catch a train that was late, and in some cases missing the train altogether, the members of the Dramatic Club left Fitchburg Friday for their annual theatre trip to Boston, to see the stage production of "Arsenic and Old Lace."

After the different members of the Dramatic Club dined at the restaurant of their own particular choice, they assembled at the Colonial Theater and discussed the many interesting adventures they had experienced. A hush fell over the group as the curtain rose for the first act. The girls of F. T. C. were practically rolling in the aisles due to the humorous antics of the two old maids and their queer brother, "Ted. Roosevelt Brewster", but later experienced a different kind of emotion, namely fear, when bodies were being taken out of window seats and buried in the cellar. The play was brought to a close by the unique curtain calls which delighted the audience. Perhaps the most humorous one was the procession across the stage of the thirteen murdered men.

The trip home was alive with

## Clubdubbing

### Debating Club

Fitchburg Teacher's College was ably represented by Eleanor Burrell and Paulina Pucko in a debate at Worcester Teachers College, March 30th, at 3 P.M. The topic was the International Police question, and the F. T. C. girls won upholding the negative side of the debate.

A panel discussion with Rhode Island will be held here on April 24th at 7 P.M., the subject for discussion being the National Labor Draft. This will be the first inter-collegiate discussion held on campus, and everyone is urged to attend.

### Art Club

The Art Club is having a succession of work periods for activities at the present. Work is done in oils and chalk particularly. For a fine example of chalk drawing, we suggest you see Barb Lavins series of children which are to be found on the long wall in Miss McGlinchey's room.

### Glee Club

Special Ensemble, Miss Curry's favorite brain-child, went to So. Ashburnham March 31st where they presented a program similar to the delightful assembly which was held on our High School Day.

## Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Mackie, of Roslyn, Long Island, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss D. Jean Mackie to Private John J. Chase, U. S. Army Air Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Chase, of 122 Powder House Blvd., Somerville, Mass. Miss Mackie is a graduate of New Paltz (NY) State Teachers College, and is now teaching in Valley Stream, L. I. Private Chase is now a Physical Instructor at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, San Antonio, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Victor Norskey of Gardner, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter Bernice J. Norksey to Naval Aviation Cadet Gordon Hill of North Wilbraham, Mass. Cadet Hill has been stationed here at F. T. C.

enthusiastic praise of the play which everyone had enjoyed and of the experience in general.